

he could not well embody in the work. They relate to the use of nitrate of silver as a blister, in gun-shot wounds, in neuralgia, contracted rectum, ulceration of the tongue, irritable ulceration of the eye, fungous ulcer of the navel in infants, and in the treatment of corns.

A letter from Mr. Webster of Dalworth, and another from Mr. Tobias Browne of Camberwell, in which the writers bear their testimony to having used the nitrate of silver with advantage in various cases, are also given in a second appendix.

Mr. Higginbottom has but seldom used the nitrate of silver as a blister, but in the cases in which he has employed it, he states the effects to have been very satisfactory. He is persuaded that it possesses a decided superiority over cantharides in many cases, causing less irritation, and being more prompt in its action and also as not inducing strangury. It induces a very copious discharge without heat or pain after the first few hours. The vesicated part heals about the fifth day without leaving the least ulceration.

Three cases of neuralgia are related in which the nitrate of silver was applied as in external inflammation, along the course of the pain, with marked relief.

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XXII. *A Manual of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, comprising a Concise Description of the Articles used in Medicine; with Observations on the Proper Mode of Combining and Administering them: Also the Formula for the Official Preparations of the London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Parisian, American, and most of the Continental Pharmacopœias; together with a Table of the Principal Medicinal Plants.* From the French of H. M. EDWARDS, M. D. and P. VAVASSEUR, M. D. Corrected and Adapted to British Practice. By JOHN DAVIES, M. R. C. S. Surgeon of the Hert's Militia; late Editor of the London Medical and Surgical Journal, &c. pp. 490. 8vo. London, 1831.

We have heard of a book published in this country some years since, in which the publisher modestly inserted his own name in the title page for that of the author, thus reaping at the same time literary fame and pecuniary emolument; and we have actually in our possession a work translated from the French, with a few additions, in which the author is merely noticed in the preface, as having written a very imperfect book on the same subject, whilst the translator and compiler modestly figures on the title page as the author! These were, however, bungling and easily to be detected attempts at fraud, and are not to be compared to the judicious management exhibited by the editor of the manual, the title of which is at the head of this article. Indeed we do not recollect ever to have met with what appears to be a more ingenious artifice to secure to one's self the credit of other people's labour, without actually laying claim to it, than that displayed in the publication under consideration. We say *appears* to be, for it would be malicious in the extreme to suppose that the surgeon of the Hert's militia could have imbibed so little honour from his gallant associates as to desire to appropriate to himself merit which does not belong to him. We venture, however, to assert that ninety persons in a hundred who would read that work, would receive the impression that Mr. Davies was the translator, and if a suspicion of his not being so, did perchance flash across their minds, they

would, on comparing the translation with the original, and observing the numerous additions, regard him, at least as the author of the latter. And yet this would be entirely erroneous, nor has Mr. Davies any where claimed being either the translator or the author of *all* the additions.

Indeed were Dr. Togno and Mr. Durand to say to Mr. Davies, "Sir, you have taken our translation of Drs. Edwards and Vavasseur's *Materia Medica*, with our numerous additions, without any acknowledgment of your obligations to us—you have published them as being corrected and adapted to British practice by you, and in the preface state your having added some new matter;" he might reply, "Gentlemen, I have made no claims to being the translator, on the contrary, to remove any doubt as to my having taken advantage of your labours, and to enable you at once to prove it, I have carefully preserved in my edition even your typographical errors;—as to correcting and adapting it to British practice, I have mystified your observations on the wax-myrtle so as to render them perfectly unintelligible;—and of new matter I have inserted three paragraphs of nearly four and a quarter lines each, relating to well-known English mineral waters; I have introduced into the list of wines two, (raisin and currant,) and I have also added five notes, making in all thirty-two lines." To all this what rejoinder can Dr. Togno and Mr. Durand make? We hope they will not be so ill-natured as to say that Mr. Davies has exhibited more talents for another profession than for his own, or take advantage of his not having made any positive claim to candour, to deny him the possession of that virtue.

So far, however, as we are concerned as reviewers, it is only necessary for us to state, that Mr. Davies has republished Dr. Togno and Mr. Durand's translation of the valuable *Manual of Materia Medica* of Drs. Edwards and Vavasseur, with a few additions and alterations, the most striking of the latter being the confounding of the additions made by the translators, and even his own three little sentences with the original, so that it is impossible to distinguish what belongs to the authors of the original work, what to the American translators, and what to the English editor, without a careful comparison of the three works; and thus by modestly omitting any distinguishing mark to his own three sentences, Mr. D. actually incurs the risk of having all the additions assigned to himself.

In showing his willingness to father the labours of Dr. Togno and Mr. Durand, he has paid them the highest compliment in his power, and one of which those gentlemen will no doubt be duly sensible.